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Dept. of Env. Quality

Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board,

The Mirant Power plant has been in this community for over 50 years. We all wish the plant could be somewhere else but it is here, and the power it produces is necessary for us to maintain our standards of living. It is essential that the Air Board move to permit the environmental improvements being proposed by the plant. This will benefit the air quality for all who reside in this area.

I have lived here for the past seven years. I work as a part-time language teacher so that I can devote more time to my two children. I am very concerned about the air they breathe. The stack merge project proposed will exceed the standards required by the Department of Environmental Quality and the DEQ has encouraged the Air Board to approve the plan. Yet, the Air Board chooses to drag its feet and perhaps delay the project another six months. Do you realize delays only serve to put the health of those living in the vicinity at continued risk?

The Department of Energy has declared that the plant is necessary towards guaranteeing enough power is available in the Atlantic grid. Attempts to fight the government on this issue have resulted in a tax bill of \$3 million for this city's taxpayers. Enough is enough. There must be a better cause to put our hard earned tax dollars towards.

I trust the Air Board will move quickly after the Public Hearing to approve this project. It is a concern of utmost importance to those of us in this community. Thank you for reviewing my request and concerns.

Best,



Elena Zaytseva